

# The Cascade View

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## Spring Start Up List

by Nick Gerlg, Construction Supervisor / Irrigation Tech

Right now, you are probably reading the morning paper and drinking that cup of coffee, wondering if the sunshine will ever peer out again from behind those wonderful Pacific Northwest rain clouds? And then..... the middle of June is here before you know it, the sun comes out and its 80 degrees. Your yard and plants start looking like they need a drink. You go to turn on your irrigation system and nothing works, or you discover you have a leak. Don't let this scenario happen to you! We are all busy and time flies by so fast. Get on our spring irrigation start up list today and let us take care of all your irrigation needs. Our spring start up consists of turning on the system and making sure all valves and sprinkler heads are functioning properly. We repair anything broken and set your controller for you. At this time we can offer an evaluation of your system and some advice on how we could improve your system by upgrading it to new water saving equipment. So call us soon to get on the list and beat those warm summer days that are here before you know it. ☒



by Nancy Pierce,  
Landscape Designer/Estimator

Cascade Landscape offers many services of which you may not be aware. Think of us next time you need any of the following (free estimates upon request):

- Ice and Snow Removal Services
- Moss Treatment (Lawns, Beds, Hardscapes)
- Field Mowing
- Rototilling
- Fruit Tree Pruning / Specialty Pruning
- Night Lighting Adjustments and Repairs
- Irrigation Activation, Adjustments, Repairs and Water Conservation
- Pressure Washing
- Storm Clean-Up
- Water Feature Maintenance
- StabiliGrid Installation (permeable hardscape)
- Annual, Bulb and Planter Box/Pot Planting



## \$ Investing in your Landscape

by Nancy Pierce,

*"What can a new landscape do for you? It can dress up that tired façade, improve your curb appeal and increase your property value. Well-landscaped yards demonstrate the care and commitment you have made in maintaining your home. Thinking of selling or renting out your home? Get the most for your investment by renovating your landscape. Contact us for a free estimate."*

## Modern Design

by Nancy Pierce,  
Landscape Designer/Estimator

The term Modern Design brings to mind images of water, stone, steel and concrete. But how does that apply to the average homeowner? In more ways than you may think! Did you know Cascade Landscape's own Nolan Lung can custom design and install personalized steel art and functional structures for your yard? We work with local concrete artists to create unique outdoor spaces and also have reputable resources for many types of stone to add character and distinguish your yard from the rest. CLM creates a large variety of water features, fit for every budget. Are you looking to turn average suburbia into upscale chic? Give our Design Team a call at 503-393-0673. ☒

## The CASCADE Way

by Fabian Lopez,  
Maintenance Manager

Do you know if the person working in your yard has had any training? Do they really know how to prune your roses or your Japanese maple? If they are wearing a Cascade Landscape uniform, you can be confident they do!

We strive to be professional landscapers. To do so successfully, we must keep up to date on new studies and information as it becomes available. Being trained and knowledgeable about the work we do for each one of our customers is **The Cascade Way**.

We take pride in attending weekly training sessions on safety, communication, chemical applications, plant and weed identification, correct pruning techniques, disease identification, proper use of equipment and healthy habits like stretching, hydration and first aid.

Chemicals can be a really great tool to use in and around the landscape, but used incorrectly they have the potential to be harmful to both plants and the environment we work so hard to maintain. All of our landscape professionals in the field who apply chemicals are licensed to do so by the State of Oregon. This helps to ensure we are using chemicals properly to make your landscape beautiful, without having a negative impact on the environment in which we all live.

So, if you see a landscaper in your yard wearing a CLM uniform, you can be sure you have a true professional working for you. If we do not currently maintain your yard, feel free to give us a call today for a free estimate.

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# Spring Checklist ✓✓✓

by Nancy Pierce, Landscape Designer/Estimator

Sunshine and warm weather are just around the corner. Is your yard ready?

- Lime Lawns and Gardens
- Apply Moss Treatment
- Clean Beds
- Prune back Roses and Grasses (if not done already)
- Remove Tree Stakes
- Plant Early Spring Veggies
- Thatch/Aerate/Edge Lawns
- Clean Water Features
- Check Night Lighting and Irrigation
- Remove Dead / Diseased Plants
- Bark / Mulch Beds



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## National Clean Water Act Update

by Ashley Lung

Well we're back and at it again. The sun is shining; no, wait, it's snowing... Who knows what's going on with the weather! It's about as predictable as the Government. Oops, can I say that? It is my article, so let's just trudge on.

The last time I wrote to you wonderful people we were conversing about the new National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Pesticides Permit. If all goes through as currently written, Oregon's DEQ will allow the application of pesticides via additional permits. In short (the way I interpret it) it's just another fee, another license and a lot of words on new paper that already exist. I see how the new laws will affect other groups, and can understand the new challenges that they will be facing. As for Cascade's application practices, our current standards are legal, for now.

Cascade will still have to maintain licensing, insurance, continued education, and proper applications, but thankfully, the point source run off rules lack (In my mind) some of the bite that they were bringing to the table. I'll admit in the beginning I was quite worried about how and what was going to surface. It turns out, the result is just more "justified" fees. I perceive that over time the EPA will decrease current thresholds and will strengthen their stance on preventing upper level runoff.

I will be participating in a pre-legislative work session next week. The purpose of this meeting is to determine how the Commercial Applicators Business license is (should be) separate than that of the employee's license. The outcome of this could affect day-to-day operations for Cascade. Reports on the outcome will follow.

